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1. ACCORDING TO WEST BERLIN PRESS REPORTS, AROUND 16 MAOIST KPD MEMBERS WERE ARRESTED MAY 9 IN EAST BERLIN WHILE STAGING PROTEST ABAINST "THE BIGGEST IMPERIALISTS, FORD AND BREZHNEV." ARRESTS OCCURRED AT SOVIET WAR MEMORIAL IN TREPTOW PARK DURING CEREMONY MARKING END OF WORLD WAR II. FOLLOWING DAY KPD GROUP FORCED ITS WAY INTO SOVIET PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION IN WEST BERLIN, DAMAGED DISPLAYS, AND DEMANDED RELEASE OF COMRADES ALLEGEDLY ARRESTED IN EAST BERLIN. CROWD DISPERSED WHEN POLICE ARRIVED. INCIDENT AT SOVIET EXHIBITION CAME SHORTLY AFTER POLICE HAD DISPERSED USUAL KPD DEMONSTRATION AGAINST WESTERN ALLIES AT ANNUAL ALLIED FORCES DAY PARADE.

2. BERLIN SENAT OFFICIAL CONFIRMED PRESS REPORT THAT ON MAY 14 GDR FOREIGN MINISTRY NOTIFIED SENAT OF NAMES OF FOUR KPD MEMBERS ARRESTED FOR AGITATING AGAINST "ORGANS OF THE DDR AND OTHER SOCIALIST STATES." KPD SPOKESMAN CLAIMED LAWYER WHO ATTEMPTED ENTER EAST BERLIN TO CONTACT ARRESTEES WAS TURNED BACK AT CROSSING POINT AS UNDESIRABLE.

3. COMMENT: OPPOSITION TO FOUR WARTIME ALLIES (ALONG WITH JUST ABOUT EVERYONE EXCEPT CHINA, VIETNAM, AND ALBANIA) HAS BEEN TRADITIONAL THEME OF LEAGUE AGAINST IMPERIALISM, A 1500 MEMBER SUB-ORGANIZATION OF KPD (REFAIR), BUT LEAGUE HAS PREVIOUSLY LIMITED ITS BERLIN ACTIVITIES TO DEMONSTRATIONS IN WESTERN SECTORS, WHERE ALLIED INSTALLATIONS AND CEREMONIES HAVE BEEN FAVORITE TARGETS. NEW ELEMENTS ARE KPD ACTIVITY IN EAST AND DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST SOVIET PRESENCE IN WESTERN SECTORS, WHICH MAY HAVE PROVOKED SHARPLY CRITICAL EDITORIAL PUBLISHED MAY 10 IN MOSCOW-LINE SEW NEWSPAPER CALLING FOR "OPEN WAR AGAINST LEFT EXTREMISM." ONE BATTLE IN THAT "OPEN WAR" TOOK PLACE ON EVENING MAY 12 WHEN ABOUT 200 MAOIST-ORIENTED KPD STUDENTS DISRUPTED AN SEW MEETING AT THE HENRY FORD BUILDING AT FREE UNIVERSITY. THEY WERE EJECTED BY SEW "GUARDS" RESPONSIBLE FOR SECURITY OF MEETING.

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